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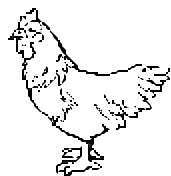
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mixed, but mostly unchanged when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into retail was slow to instances fair, but food service was better, covering the full range, best for fast food promotional activity. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available. In the parts structure, trading was limited to most immediate needs. Availability for all items was adequate to ample with some discounting reported to help move. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/28/02-11/02/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	44.00-47.00	46.18	11	50.96	39
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.60	45	45.46	86
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	49.74	18
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	57.69	9
Denver	67.50	67.46	17	66.00	21
Detroit	42.00-43.00	43.50	12	50.13	36
Los Angeles	68.00	65.68	62	61.72	174
New York	44.00-46.00	45.87	23	49.23	55
Philadelphia	44.50-46.00	45.25	12	44.28	23
Pittsburgh	44.00-47.00	45.50	12	50.92	51
St. Louis	43.00-43.25	42.61	20	45.03	39
San Francisco	68.50	66.98	30	65.96	63

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/28/02	Change/Last Wk	10/21/02	10/29/01
614	52.93	-0.28	53.21	59.37

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	46.00-49.00	48.05	28
Central	44.00-52.00	49.39	65
West	48.00-57.00	55.06	52

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.30	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,142	40.00-66.53	61.42

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.00	1,367
BREASTS - B/S	132.50	4,888
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.50	1,190
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	866
LEG QUARTERS	18.00	9,260
WINGS	48.50	3,167

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity ranged light to moderate following the weekend as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in close balance with the lackluster demand. Offerings all sizes were at least adequate for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings and tenders were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced in some instances.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Retail demand following the weekend was slow to fair, food service was fair to fairly good due mainly to fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were better balanced, but still available, dark meat and wings were at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Majority prices were unchanged from last week. Loads reported for this week's deliveries were at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover current needs. Retailer demand was moderate to good best to cover ads planned to break for first-of-the month needs. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 19-19.5 and 20-20.5 on 4/10s, bone in breast 68-78 and boneless 120-125 with wings in the low 50s. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 49.12 up .53 and the volume reported at 33 loads was up 3 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher into St. Louis, unchanged into Chicago and Detroit, and TFEWR into Ohio from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was mostly steady. Offers were fully available on heavy weights and balanced on smaller sizes. Retail demand remained sluggish, slow to occasionally fair. Food service movement was mixed, light to fairly good, best into fast food promotions. Floor stocks adequate to ample. Sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading hand to mouth. Supplies were available on all items. The market tone was generally steady, instances weak on wings and tenders.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate and often described as "decent". Seller offerings were adequate to fully adequate although sizes continued to vary from plant to plant. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, all cuts were adequate for immediate needs. Boneless skinless breasts were well cleared in some instances due to retail promotional activity. Drums and wings remained ample and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	43-61
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.94
NO. OF BOXES	9,315

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity continued light to no better than fair and mostly unaggressive with most dealers cautious and attempted to keep floorstocks in close balance with lackluster demand. Offerings of breast items and tenderloins were more than sufficient. Drumsticks and wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak on drumsticks and wings. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	122.85	494,830	
TENDERLOINS	105	107.02	39,520	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	69.02	151,760	
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	65.02	148,240	
LEGS	31-32	34.14	121,920	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.27	448,175	
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	25.06	134,270	
THIGHS	20-21	30.18	54,140	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.04	89,120	
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	47.68	182,150	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.22	39,760	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.99	11,280	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.61	18,360	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,031	104.00-129.00	110-115	112.35
TENDERLOINS	113	105.00-179.00	-	128.59
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	243	49.00-64.00	49-51	50.83
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	771	15.00-17.00	15	15.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,646	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.85
WINGS (WHOLE)	176	26.00-60.00	-	37.43
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,673	13.00-17.00	16-17	16.37

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/28	10/24	10/24	10/21	10/17
ALA	4,126	4,031	5.10	4,113	5.06
ARK	5,379	5,229	4.94	4,872	4.92
DELMARVA	2,303	2,047	5.09	2,249	5.06
KY-LA-TN	1,992	2,048	4.57	2,015	4.62
MISS	2,988	2,964	5.16	2,891	5.25
NC	2,243	2,662	6.01	2,435	5.92
TEXAS	2,233	2,476	4.80	2,495	4.88
TOTAL	21,264	21,457	5.10	21,070	5.09
MON	21,264(A)			21,070(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Oct 2002 is estimated to be 31,813,000 up 0.62 percent from a week ago and up 4.07 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,618,000 last year 30,569,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	915	113.00-189.00	124-129	127.19
TENDERLOINS	146	107.00-165.00	107-110	123.08
BREAST - LINE RUN	145	63.00-75.00	68-69	69.90
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.87
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	388	14.00-18.00	14-15	15.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,528	16.00-24.00	19	19.13
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	42.00-51.00	45-48	47.74
WINGS (CUT)	495	53.00-62.00	55-58	55.84
DRUMSTICKS	69	33.00-50.00	-	35.22
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR OCT 28, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
32.50 - 35.50	33.69	33.40

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 28-OCT - 01-NOV-2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	108.00 - 135.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 90.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	25.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 21.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	15.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	18.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	25.00 - 50.00	40.00 - 45.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	88-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-95
	DRY PACK 96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 92-98
DUCKS	152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

25-OCT-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	706,500	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.47	13.70		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	10.00-13.00	1,815,484	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.33	11.57		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

25-OCT-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.00	99,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-14.00	8.00-13.00	2,111,200	734,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.91	10.35		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Spent hen demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings. Plant schedules were normal with finished sales seasonally fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 28-OCT-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-11.5	8-8.75	8.71

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was mixed but mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10	8.25-8.75	8.38
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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